

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. The purpose of this Cross Party Group is to establish a forum for debate, with an agreed specific programme of targets and action, on the issue of childhood sexual abuse, its long term effects and links with mental health problems, physical health and wellbeing, alcohol and drug misuse, physical abuse, domestic violence and homelessness.
2. The group will ascertain the level of current service provision nationally, identify gaps to services and address funding issues. The group will consider the requirement for care pathways for survivors as well as the need for joined up policies. The legal considerations surrounding childhood sexual abuse and agencies over which the Scottish Government has authority will be examined. We will seek to create better public understanding of the issue and combat the many myths that surround childhood sexual abuse and its impact on society as a whole including the effective prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation.
3. There is no overlap at present however, the Cross Party Group aims to foster positive cross-links between other Cross Party Groups that may provide a mutually beneficial platform for discussion.
4. Topics to be discussed within the next 12 months will be; a positive "survivors agenda"; constructive and positive conditions required for survivors to help build their futures and live healthy and stable lives; fragility of third sector agencies in terms of secure funding and how these major service providers address the needs of survivors in the long term and how outcomes are adequately measured; prevention of sexual abuse; highlight the needs and perspectives of survivors reference sexual offences within the Justice agenda.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Alison Harris MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Johann Lamont MSP - Scottish Labour
Monica Lennon MSP - Scottish Labour
Fulton MacGregor MSP - Scottish National Party
Margaret Mitchell MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Andrew Campbell
Martin Henry
Anne Macdonald
Sarah Nelson
Eric Swanepoel
Carol Willson

Organisations

18 and Under
Barnardos
Break the Silence
Children 1st
Circle Scotland
Health in Mind
Kingdom Abuse Survivors Project
Moir Anderson Foundation
NHS Education for Scotland
Open Secret
Quarriers
Rape Crisis Scotland
Relationships Scotland
Safe Space

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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Margaret Mitchell MSP
Deputy Convener	Johann Lamont MSP
Secretariat	Anne Macdonald Martin Henry
Treasurer	Janine Rennie

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

None

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

£15 per member, per annum

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Margaret Mitchell

Date

21st September 2016